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Why We Are Late

This headline may cause you to smile, but really, with me, this is a serious matter. No doubt, many of our readers have been vexed and disappointed with us. But I assure you that you feel the sting of disappointment no more keenly than I do. The Annual was late,—the EVANGELIST, is and has been late, and worst of all the Quarterly will go out late. They will be mailed just as soon as they possibly can and I thank you in advance for your forbearance.

All the work is now carefully outlined each month and quarter and we make a strong effort to bring everything out on schedule time. You remember a letter from me some time ago, urging the S. S. Treasurers to place their orders early, because we had everything planned to mail early this time. Here is the schedule that warranted me to make the statements that I made.

Week ending Dec. 7, Quarterly—First side.

Week ending Dec. 14, Quarterly—Second side.

Had we been able to follow that schedule we could have had all the Quarterlies mailed by Dec. 21 so far as we were concerned. This would have placed the Quarterlies in the hands of the schools in ample time, but here are a few hindrances that we had to contend with.

(a) A sister to one of our best lady composers lay, for some time, at death's door, afflicted with consumption, and finally died. This has deprive

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us of this compositor for over a solid month just in this busy season. What she alone missed means more than setting up both Quarterlies.

(b) Then two more of our compositors were closely related to this first one and missed some time attending the funeral, etc.

(c) Then, too, others of our compositors have been sick at different times and could not be here.

(d) Also another of our best compositors missed nearly a whole week thru a misfortune over which we had no influence.

(e) And lastly another of our compositors for several months had been planning to spend the Holidays with friends in the land of her childhood, and when the time came, of course she departed.

Now all of this time has been taken from us and during this busy and rushing season, and nearly all of it was such that we could not help ourselves. Bro. Gnagey has stood ready with his part of the work and Bro. Slotter our office Foreman, has had no delay on his part. Brethren, I just tell you, we couldn't help ourselves. We have done the very best we possibly could under the circumstances, and I trust you will be able to see it that way. We don't mean to make rash announcements and then not fulfill them—not at all. We have been *wonderfully* disappointed, but yet, we keep our wagon "hitched to a star" and hope some day soon to be able to be on time and early.

Fraternally,

A. H. LIGHTY,

Secy. Brethren Pub. Board.

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Annals

All orders for Annals to date (Dec. 24) have been filled and mailed. Any one who has ordered Annals before above date and has not received them by the time this paper reaches you, will please write us at once. We have a nice lot of Annals on hand and can fill your orders on the same day they are received. We have now mailed 160 copies, and remember we must sell 600 copies before we can come out even. Can you, dear reader, not dispose of some of these Annals for us? We very much appreciate the orders we already have, but would like many more. Let us have your order at once. Address your orders to BRETHREN PUBLICATION BOARD,

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Personal Mention

Brother Keller's meeting at Morrison's Cove resulted in five accessions by baptism.

From the report of Brother Schisler we learn that brother J. M. Bowman is in California.

Brother Kimmel closed his meeting at Winchester, Ohio, with six accessions. Brother Beachler assisted in the work during one week of the meeting.

From various sources we learn that Brother Darling is doing very successful work in California and is well liked by the people. At present he is conducting a revival in the Lathrop congregation.

Brother J. C. Mackey recently closed a splendid meeting of three weeks duration in the Bear Creek congregation, with six accessions. The Lord willing, Bro. Mackey begins revival work in the Fairview congregation, January 12, 1902.

A postal card from Woburn, Illinois, signed by sister Etta Studabaker, says, "We are in the midst of a glorious revival. Five have made the good confession and the meeting still goes on. Pray for us that many more may be brought out of darkness into light."

Brother W. M. Summers is now engaged in revival work at La Paz, Indiana, and reports good audiences, good interest, good prospects, good roads and good people. With so many good things in their favor the work at that place surely will result in much "good."

We greatly appreciate such references to the EVANGELIST as the following: "I prize the EVANGELIST very highly, and could not do without it for twice the money. It is next to the Bible to me." This note is from sister Ella Lichty, Lanark, Ill., who will please accept our thanks.

Sister Renberger, Walkerton, Indiana, writes: We have had but two sermons here since October. We look for the time when we may have regular services here. I wish more people would take more interest in saving souls. The Mission Board has done a good work here the last two years, but there yet remains much to be done.

Brother Shively writes that he does not intend to quit writing for the Sermon Echo section, but at present his wife is sick and he is quite busy with other duties. We are glad to report that Sister Shively is improving. Brother Shively promises a fine report of the Lordsburg work as soon as he finds time to prepare it for publication.

The meeting in the Fair Haven congregation, Ohio, conducted by Brother Hazlett, resulted in three accessions. The congregation has been strengthened in many ways, and the Brethren are hopeful that the work in the future will move along pleasantly. The church is needing a pastor, and arrangements are being made to secure one.

Brother J. R. Keller is doing excellent work among the several congregations of his charge. Within the last eighteen months he has held nineteen weeks' meetings, taken into the church upon confession of faith and baptism fifty-eight persons, and conducted twelve communion services. That means continued activity and faithfulness in the service.